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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING
WITH PRESIDENTS

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1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO SEE EITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER
OR PRESIDENT OF YOUR HOST COUNTRY (AT YOUR DISCRETION) TO
APOLOGIZE FOR THE UNFORTUNATE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD CONFER WITH THE HEADS OF STATE
OF THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND PANAMA (SEE
REFTELS). YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

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2. THE DEPARTMENT MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A PRESS BACK-

GROUND UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER HAD
ALREADY ISSUED INVITATIONS TO ALL OF THE PRESIDENTS AND
CHIEFS OF STATE CONCERNED.

3. WE REGRET THIS UNFORTUNATE CONFUSION AND APOLOGIZE FOR
ANY EMBARRASSMENT IT MAY HAVE CAUSED.

4. FYI: UNBEKNOWNST TO THE DEPARTMENT, ODUBER HAD ONLY
ISSUED INFORMAL INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND
GENERAL TORRIJOS. KISSINGER

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